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SHALL WE WORSHIP THE CHRIST CHILD?

A pastor of a church once found his Sunday School teachers practicing for a Christmas program and using a Song which mentioned Jesus as a "dear Child divine". He refused to have the song used in the Christmas service. They might as well be singing "to a dear little God", he said. Was this pastor right or was he wrong? It may be worth remembering that Jesus was worshipped first as an infant.

Wisemen came from afar saying, "We have seen his star in the east and are come to worship Him". When they saw the babe in the manger, they fell down and worshipped Him. They must have made it plain that worship was the primary object of their visit for Herod said, "When ye have found Him, bring me word that I may come and worship Him also".

If we believe that Jesus was the divine Son of God from His birth, why should we not pay homage to the Christ Child? It was evidently God's plan that we should do so or wisemen would not have been led to seek Him when He was a babe and to pay Him divine honor; neither would the record of their visit be preserved for us in the Scriptures.

Reverence for the Christ Child is evidently a part of God's will for us Without such an attitude on our part, Christmas loses most of its significance, namely, its deepest element of gratitude and praise.

Reverence for the Christ Child will help us to appreciate the place of childhood in God's great plan of human redemption and thus lead us to give children the place in our hearts and in our church program which our Father in heaven intended.

"Silent Night! Holiest Night! Wondrous star lend thy light
With the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King
Christ the Saviour is born, Jesus the Saviour is born."

Dr. Walter Albion Squires-

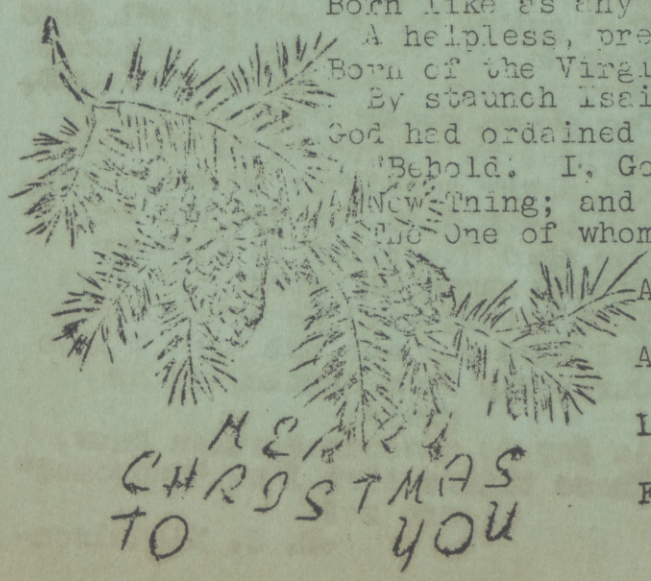
A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

When all the world in darkness lay -
And heathen lore held boundless sway
When man upon His God had turned
His back, and His great love had spurned -
When Godless, hopeless, helpless, poor,
Death seemed to him the only door
By which to end life's tragic span -
Upon the scene there came The MAN.

Born like as any other babe;
A helpless, precious little shape.
Born of the Virgin, long foretold
By staunch Isaiah, whom of old
God had ordained Through him He spake:
'Behold! I, God the Lord do make
New thing; and man shall behold
The One of whom in Eden told!'

And so as once again with joy
We lift our hearts up [illegible] high;
Amazed at God's great love revealed
In Him whose birth SALVATION sealed -
Let us be worshipful and quiet
And prayerfully stand aside.
For CHRIST the Lord is born this day!
Invite Him! Ask Him in - to stay!

-- Sel. --



testimony

IN ALL THY WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM AND HE SHALL DIRECT THY PATHS.
Prov. 3:6

As I recollect the past year in memories, I can rejoice in blessed assurance that it must have been the high calling of God when I accepted Him into my life for the first time. I can express joy and thanksgiving unto the Lord that I was grasped out of my wanderings from the midst of the world conflict, sorrows, hatred, tribulations, etc., and was able to accept His great Salvation.

This gift has been my guiding light, created new strength in my time of uncertainty, blotted out grief when heavy laden, uplifted my soul over temptations and given me a new vision toward higher ground.

Our life purposes are inconstant, and our progress has been wrought out through grieves, difficulties, and by many falls. But God's purpose has never failed. In past ages we can view the workings of His goodness and His virtues. He has made our lives sublime. Because of His love for us, He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)

As God's promise is so enduring, one of our duties should be to acknowledge Him in gratitude.

Trusting the Lord with all my heart
Knowing the joy He came to impart
In all my ways acknowledging
Jesus the Saviour, my Lord and King.
-- Asako Takusagawa --

Christmas Cheer

Three nights of Christmas programs will be given this year by the Christian Churches of Roku I and Roku II.

The combined mass Nativity Pageant, featuring over fifty young people, is scheduled to be presented on Friday night, the 24th. This will be held at the Poston Square Garden Bowl from 7:30 p.m. Bonfires will surround the site to add brightness and warmth to the performance.

The Roku II Junior children will enjoy their Christmas festivities on Christmas night, December 25, at Chapel 529.

The Chapel I Junior Church members are to have their program on the 23rd, Thursday night.

Under the general directorship of Tykie Umade and Betty Taguchi, many plays, skits, and monologues have been prepared for presentation. The general public is cordially invited to attend every one of these activities.

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The Church gratefully thanks Kazue Uyeno for her donation of Christmas candy for the children.

We wish to also acknowledge the gifts received from Eleanor Nakashima now in Cleveland, Ohio.

FELICITATIONS!

On Tuesday evening, December 14, the wedding bells rang out for Miss Tayeko "Tykie" Kitabata and Sgt. Ray Umade as they were joined in holy wedlock with Rev. K. Imai officiating.

The 305 Chapel was attractively decorated with greenery and seven white candles flickered on either side of the altar. The bride, attired in a white dress with a finger-tip veil, was attended by Miss Mary Narimatsu. Mr. Nobuo Umade, brother of the groom from Gila Center, acted as best man.

May the Lord bless these two on the road of matrimony which lies ahead.

REHEARSAL

A mass rehearsal of the Nativity Pageant will be held this Wednesday night instead of Prayer Meeting. All those taking part are urged to be present at this important practice session.

BIRTH of JESUS

Suppose that Christ had not been born
That far away Judean morn.
Suppose that God, whose mighty hand
Created worlds, had never planned
A way for man to be redeemed.
Suppose the Wise Men only dreamed
That guiding star whose light still glows
Down through the centuries. Suppose
Christ never walked here in men's sight,
Our blessed way and truth and light,
Suppose He'd counted all the cost,
And never cared that we were lost,
And never died for you and me,
Nor shed His blood on Calvary
Upon a shameful cross. Suppose
That having died He never rose.
And there was none with power to save
Our souls from darkness and the grave!
As far as piteous heathen know,
These things that I've "supposed" are so!

-M. S. Nicholson-